Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claim 3, amend claims 2 and 4-11, and add new claims 12-24 as follows. The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended). A voice recording and reproducing apparatus, comprising:

conversion means for converting inputted voice signals into digitized voice data;

5   a data table for storing ~~information to be added to the voice data as header information~~ a plurality of ID data for predetermined ID items;

ID data selecting means for selecting arbitrary ID data from the ID data of the predetermined ID items stored in the data

10   table;

data file creating means for creating a data file by adding the ID data selected by the ID data selecting means to the voice data converted by the conversion means as header information;

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recording means ~~for adding header information stored in the~~

15 ~~data table to said voice data converted by said conversion means~~ ~~and~~ for recording ~~said voice data~~ the data file in ~~voice data~~ ~~recording means~~ a recording medium; and

changing means for communicating with an external apparatus connected to the voice recording and reproducing apparatus and

20 for changing ~~header information~~ the ID data stored in the data table based upon information sent from the external apparatus.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended). The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein

the data table is stored in a rewritable nonvolatile storage medium; and

5 said changing means rewrites ~~header information~~ the ID data stored in the data table ~~as header information~~ with ID data sent from said external apparatus.

Claim 3 (Cancelled).

Claim 4 (Currently Amended). The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said changing means can change at least one of ID data identifying a user, ID data identifying a work type, an

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option item name ~~data displayed on a display portion of the voice~~

5   ~~recording and reproducing apparatus~~ and an option item ID, which

are stored in the data table ~~data concerning the data displayed~~

~~on said display portion among said header information~~.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended). An information processing

apparatus for which a plurality of external data recording and

reproducing apparatuses for digitizing and recording inputted

signals in a recording medium are connectable, comprising:

5   connection number allocation means for, after connecting the

external data recording and reproducing apparatuses to the

information processing apparatus, allocating a connection number

to each of the connected external data recording and reproducing

apparatuses ~~which are connected to the information processing~~

10   ~~apparatus~~;

identification code acquisition means for acquiring an

identification code of the external data recording and

reproducing apparatuses connected to the information processing

apparatus;

15   storage means for storing each connection number allocated

by the connection number allocation means and the identification

code acquired by the identification code acquisition means;

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display means for displaying at least one of the connection

number and the identification code stored in the storage means;

20   first selection means for selecting <u>at least one of a</u>

<u>desired connection number and a desired identification code, from</u>

at least one of the connection number and the identification code

displayed by the display means;

second selection means for selecting a desired <u>external</u> data

25   recording and reproducing apparatus from the connected plurality

of <u>external</u> data recording and reproducing apparatuses based on

the selection by the first selection means; and

control means for carrying out controls so that at least one

of a control program and control data of said <u>external</u> data

30   recording and reproducing apparatus selected by the second

selection means may be changed.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended). The apparatus according to

claim 5, wherein ~~when recording inputted signals as digitized~~

~~data, said selected data recording and reproducing apparatus~~

~~adds predetermined header information to said data in accordance~~

5   ~~with a data table stored in the data recording and reproducing~~

~~apparatuses; and~~

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~~said control means carries out controls so that the data~~

~~table may be changed~~

the control means carries out controls so that the data

10   table stored in the external data recording and reproducing

apparatus may be changed, and

the data table stores a plurality of ID data that a user can

select on the data recording and reproducing apparatus, for

predetermined ID items, and when the external data recording and

15   reproducing apparatus records data the ID data selected by the

user, of the plurality of ID data, is recorded as header

information.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended). The apparatus according to

claim 6, wherein

said control means can change at least one of ID data

identifying a user, ID data identifying a work type, ~~data~~

5   ~~displayed on the display portion of the voice recording and~~

~~reproducing apparatus~~ option item data and ~~data concerning the~~

~~data displayed on said display portion among said header~~

~~information~~ an option item name, which are stored in the data

table.

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Claim 8 (Currently Amended).   A recording medium having

recorded an information processing program for which a plurality

·of <u>external</u> data recording and reproducing apparatuses for

digitizing and recording inputted signals are responsive, the

5   information processing program comprising:

a processing program for<u>, after connecting the external data</u>

<u>recording and reproducing apparatuses·to the information</u>

<u>processing apparatus,</u> allocating a connection number to each of

the plurality of <u>connected external</u> data recording and

10   reproducing apparatuses ~~which are responsive to the information~~

~~processing program;~~

a processing program for acquiring an identification code of

the <u>external</u> data recording and reproducing apparatuses which are

responsive to the information processing program;

15   a processing program for storing each allocated connection

number and each acquired identification code;

a processing program for displaying at least one of the

stored connection number and the stored identification code;

a processing program for selecting <u>at least one of a desired</u>

20   <u>connection number and a desired identification code, from</u> at

least one of the displayed connection number and the displayed

identification code;

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a processing program for selecting a desired _external_ data

recording and reproducing apparatus from the plurality of

25   _external_ data recording and reproducing apparatuses based on the

selected and displayed connection number and identification code;

and

a processing program for carrying out controls so that at

least one of a control program and control data of the selected

30   _external_ data recording and reproducing apparatus may be changed.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended). The recording medium according

to claim 8, wherein ~~when recording inputted signals as digitized~~

~~data, said selected data recording and reproducing apparatus~~

~~adds predetermined header information to said data in accordance~~

5   ~~with a stored data table; and~~

~~wherein said processing program for carrying out controls~~

~~carries out controls so that the stored data table may be changed~~

the processing program for carrying out controls carries out

controls so that the data table may be changed, and

10   the data table stores a plurality of ID data that a user can

select, for predetermined ID items, and when the data is

recorded, the ID data selected by the user, of the plurality of

ID data, is recorded as header information.

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